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## A Letter to Readers

I am extremely grateful to the dedicated men and women of our agency for their professional contribution to the safety of California's motorists. The departments within the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency comprise the Governor's principal transportation regulatory and enforcement organizations. By combining their resources, we are making driving safer, as evidenced by the fact that the number of fatalities per miles traveled is now the lowest in the state's history.

As Secretary for Transportation, I am committed to having the best traffic safety programs possible, including anti-DUI, bicycle and pedestrian safety, occupant protection, police traffic services, roadway safety and emergency medical services. These programs and so many others are helping California achieve its traffic safety successes, such as having the highest seat belt compliance rate in the nation.



Maria  
Contreras-Sweet

I have a charge from Governor Gray Davis to improve safety on California's roadways. That means relieving traffic congestion, thus affording people more quality time for work and family life. We all enjoy getting home quickly and safely after a hard day's work.

One of our shared goals is to alleviate traffic congestion by stopping unsafe driving behaviors that contribute to accidents. Through funding for more law enforcement personnel and equipment, emergency response vehicles and public education, we will make our roads even safer. We are also excited about the new partnerships being established with community-based organizations in California. This innovation will expand our outreach enormously. The Governor recently awarded \$11.8 million to local community-based organizations to promote traffic safety programs.

Traffic safety is everyone's business. Governor Davis and I look forward to working with all of you to improve the quality of life for all Californians.

A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Maria Contreras-Sweet".

Maria Contreras-Sweet



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# Putting the Plan to Work

California's transportation agencies have responded quickly to Governor Gray Davis' call to funnel additional funds into traffic congestion relief. Caltrans presented 31 projects totaling almost \$400 million to the California Transportation Commission at its meeting on September 26 and 27. The Commission allocated \$187.8 million to the projects for this year with funding for the rest of the \$400 million to come as the projects continue to develop.

The new funds will be applied against projects that total almost \$2.5 billion, underlining the governor's objective of using the State funds to stimulate spending from other sources.

The projects range in size from a \$350,000 study of the Metropolitan Bakersfield Transportation System to a \$71 million improvement to the Carmenita Road Interchange on Route 5 in Norwalk. They involve numerous local and regional agencies in addition to Caltrans.

Governor Davis' Congestion Relief Plan, among other measures, provides about \$2 billion in first-time-ever funding from the General Fund, and another \$3 billion through redirection of the State sales tax on gasoline. These new funds are piled atop the \$12 billion in the State Transportation Improvement Program and the State Highway Operation and Protection Program already earmarked for transportation over the next six years.

Overall, the plan puts new emphasis on three main transportation challenges: easing congestion in some of California's most heavily traveled transportation corridors, improving the movement of commerce and addressing the frustration travelers face with transportation modes that do not interconnect.

The projects include the following, listed by amount and the requesting agency:

**\$3.2 million** Metropolitan Transportation

Commission – Study of a new crossing of the San Francisco Bay in Alameda and San Francisco or San Mateo counties and implement the Transbay Terminal Improvement Plan

**\$15 million** Caltrans – Initiate Environmental studies of a fourth tunnel bore for the Caldecott Tunnel on Route 24 in Alameda County

**\$7 million** San Francisco Municipal Railway – Reconstruct the San Francisco Muni Light Rail Line on Ocean Avenue in the City and County of San Francisco

**\$1 million** Solano Transportation Authority – Major Investment Study for Interstate 80 in Solano County with focus on I-80/680 Interchange

**\$100,000** North Coast Rail Authority – Environmental remediation projects for the North Coast Railroad

**\$10 million** North Coast Rail Authority – Provide \$10 million in debt reduction to the North Coast Railroad

**\$50,000** North Coast Rail Authority – Match local funds for projects on the North Coast Railroad

**\$5.5 million** North Coast Rail Authority – Provide fund repayment of federal loan obligations for the North Coast Railroad

**\$40 million** L.A. Blue Line – Extend the Blue Line rail line between Los Angeles and Pasadena

**\$15 million** Caltrans – Add a northbound HOV lane over the Sepulveda Pass on Route 405 between Route 10 and Route 101 in Los Angeles County



**\$290,000** Caltrans – Phase 2 of a project to improve the Carmenita Road Interchange on Route 5 in Norwalk in Los Angeles County

**\$2 million** Caltrans – Complete a corridor study to improve Route 710 between the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach and Interstate 5 in Los Angeles County

**\$3 million** Caltrans – Improve Route 101 between Route 110 and Route 23 in Thousand Oaks in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties

**\$1.5 million** Caltrans – Initiate a project to complete three miles of a six-lane freeway on State Route 71 through Pomona from Route 10 to Route 60 in Los Angeles County

**\$4 million** Caltrans – Improve the Route 101/405 interchange in Sherman Oaks in Los Angeles County

**\$1.7 million** City of Los Angeles – Improve automated signals at various street locations in the city of Los Angeles

**\$3 million** SCRRA – Track and signal improvements on Metrolink in San Bernardino County

**\$3.9 million** Caltrans – Reconstruct the Apache Trail Interchange on Route 10 in Riverside County

**\$1.6 million** North County Transit District – Acquire one new train set to expand commuter rail in San Diego County

**\$1.7 million** Caltrans – Build new freeway connector ramps at the Route 94/125 interchange in Lemon Grove in San Diego County

**\$2 million** CSU Fresno – Develop preliminary plans, working drawings and related program management for CSU Fresno Events Center.

**\$4 million** Sacramento Regional Transit – Extend the Sacramento South Line light rail from Meadowview Road to Calvine Road in Sacramento County

**\$20 million** Sacramento Regional Transit – Extend Sacramento Light Rail System Folsom Line to Downtown Folsom and from 7th/8th Streets in Sacramento to the AMTRAK Station

**\$16.5 million** Sacramento Area Council of Governments – Incentive for reduction of emissions from heavy-duty diesel engines in Sacramento County

**\$16.6 million** SACOG/Yolo Transportation District – Provide approximately 50 replacement low-emission buses for Sacramento and provide Yolo bus service

**\$350,000** Kern Council of Government Metropolitan Bakersfield System – Study to reduce traffic congestion in the metropolitan Bakersfield area

**\$3 million** County of Sacramento – Interchange modifications to the Route 50/Sunrise Boulevard Interchange in Sacramento County

**\$2.3 million** Bay Area Rapid Transit District – Expansion of the Balboa Park BART Station in the city of San Francisco

**\$2 million** City of West Hollywood – Repair, maintain and provide mitigation to upgrade Santa Monica Boulevard in the city of West Hollywood

**\$1.3 million** SCRRA – Construct a new Metrolink siding in Sun Valley between Sheldon Street and Sunland Boulevard

**\$160,000** City of Los Angeles – Remodel the intersection of Olympic Boulevard/Mateo/Porter Street and install a new traffic signal.





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